Use of super critical technology for mega Power Projects

†1447. SHRI MANGANILAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to set up five mega power plants in the country with private sector participation;

(b) whether it is a fact that the setting up of these Mega Power projects would be based on super critical technology;

(c) whether it is a fact that consent of several multinational companies have also been taken for foreign capital investment in power production sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including maximum target of power production?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Ministry of Power through Power Finance corporation is facilitating the Development of a few Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPP) of 4000 MW capacity each under tariff based competitive bidding route through Shell Companies. Central Electricity Authority has identified seven suitable sites for development of such Project using critical technology.

(c) and (d) No prior consent of multinational companies was sought for development of these projects. However, many international developers have shown interest for developing these projects. Pre-qualified bidders for the first two projects *i.e.* Sasan (MP) and Mundra (Gujarat) include companies from Japan, United States of America, Canada, Singapore and China. The time line for identification of successful bidders for these two projects has been set as December, 2006.

Colleges of Delhi University

†1448. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of colleges functioning in Delhi under University of Delhi and the number of seats increased in these colleges during the last twenty years;

(b) the number of colleges of University of Delhi in which hostel facility is available and the number of hostels opened during the last twenty years alongwith the locations thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that most of the students have to live in the private hostels which causes wastage of time in travelling and the fear of insecurity is also there; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by Government to provide hostel facility to the students in the colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, there are presently 95 colleges/institutions functioning under the University of Delhi. A total of 36868 seats were available in these colleges during 2005-2006, which includes approximately 6000 seats increased during the last twenty years.

(b) 25 colleges/institutions of the University are having hostel facilities out of which nine hostels have been opened during last twenty years in various parts of Delhi;

(c) and (d) While the University does not maintain statistics of students living in private hostels, it is a fact that there are limited hostel facilities. Steps have been initiated for providing more hostel facilities.

Additional hydro electricity generation capacity

†1449. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for creating additional capacity of power generation in the field of hydel power in the country during Eleventh Five Year Plan;

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